

Common Camp Questions

Q: Can I call my child or can he call me while at camp?

A: Of course! A phone is available at the office for camper use during certain times each day and our staff will deliver emergency messages to your child night or day. However, Lakeside Deans take great pride in developing camping programs and schedules that educate, challenge and encourage your child every moment of their camping experience. With so much planned for the week your child may not find time or think about calling home. We like to think we've done our job when that happens. Please help us nurture your child's involvement and independence by limiting phone calls during their stay at camp.

Q: What items should NOT go to camp with my child?

A: **Snack foods** (candy, soda, sweet treats, ect.) These types of things attract little critters when stored in the cabins and are a big mess to clean up at the end of the week. Campers will be allowed to purchase snacks and soda at certain times during the day and may enjoy them in designated areas.

Cell Phones, DVD players/ ipods or MP3's /video games/ PDA's/ other electronic equipment- We are confident that each camper will be so engrossed in camp activities, that these items are not necessary and may hinder the camp experience. If you need to reach your child please call our office or email a greeting to your camper at camplakside@wbsnet.org

Weapons- it is not necessary for campers to bring any kind of knife or similar items with them to camp.

Q: My child takes daily meds. How are medications handled?

A: In accordance with ACA standards, **Lakeside is required to collect all medications**, prescription and other wise, and **keep such medications under lock and key from the time of a camper's arrival until their departure**. Trained staff will dispense your child's medication as directed during their stay at camp. Please be sure to collect these meds during checkout.

Be sure to acquire adequate amounts of your child's medications both prescription and over the counter. **PLEASE LEAVE ALL MEDS IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINERS**. If you do not wish to send a full container of meds with your child please remove the excess and keep it at home. It is important in emergency situations that we have your child's medication packaging so that local emergency workers can act quickly and with confidence in treating your child.

Q: Will my child be allowed to keep emergency meds such as inhalers or epi-pens with her?

A: Yes. We make exceptions for emergency meds. However, if your child requires such meds it is our policy that each camper carries those meds at all times and Deans will do routine “med checks.” If this is not normal practice for you child please visit with her about the importance of having her emergency meds with her all the time.

Q: Will my child’s medicines and/or medical condition remain confidential?

A: Our meds distribution policies and the physical layout of our nurse’s station make it possible to keep your child’s needs private from other campers. However, in the case of behavior, allergies, or other restrictive conditions, it is necessary to inform our staff of your child’s needs in order to keep him healthy and safe. We consider this information “need to know” and therefore only staff directly responsible for your child’s care will be given sensitive information. These staff members will be expected to keep such information confidential. If you have concerns about your child’s special needs at camp please call our office prior to camp to discuss those concerns with Andie our Assistant Director or Keith our Executive Director.

Q: Does the camp employ a nurse? Do other staff members have medical/emergency training?

A: Yes. Camp Lakeside currently has in it’s employee an **RN with over 25 years of experience**. The camp nurse visits the camp once a day, during which time she reviews medical forms and medication sheets and checks in with the Assistant Director as well as with each camp dean. When the camp nurse is not on site medical emergencies are handled by the **Assistant Director, who is a nationally certified EMT**. In addition Camp Lakeside requires **all employees to hold a current CPR and First Aid certification**.

Q: How will I be notified in case of an emergency involving my child?

A: Should your child require emergency care we will first see to the immediate needs of your child. A camp dean or the Assistant Director will attempt to contact you via the emergency numbers listed on your child’s registration forms as soon as possible.

Q: Does Camp insurance cover my child while they attend camp?

A: Lakeside does not provide primary accident insurance to campers, but does provide secondary insurance effective after personal insurance has been filed.

Q: Does Lakeside do background checks on all employees?

A: YES. **Every Lakeside employee and volunteer** must participate in B.oundaries A.warness T.raining to improve their sensitivity to vulnerable persons. B.A.T. includes a mandatory **KBI and SRS background check** which searches for convictions of crimes committed against vulnerable persons. In addition, as an ACA accredited site Camp Lakeside is require to check every volunteer and employee against the **National Sex and Violent Offenders Registry**. If any background check should reveal a conviction such person would be ineligible for employment or volunteer positions at Camp Lakeside.

Q: What is the “chain of command” at Camp Lakeside?

A: Camp Lakeside is owned by the United Methodist Church of the Kansas West Conference and is held in trust by our board of trustees. The duties of policy development, financial planning, personnel hiring/firing and ultimate administrative responsibilities of the camp fall to **Executive Director, Keith Schadel**. The **Assistant Director, Andie Strong**, assists the Executive Director in administrative duties and is responsible for the management of all summer staff, including deans and other volunteers, camp programming, schedules, and other tasks associated with the day to day running of Camp Lakeside. Deans are responsible for the direct supervision of counselors and campers.

Please contact either Andie or Keith at 620.872.2021/ email: camplakeside@wbsnet.org with any additional questions.